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In re Application of

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Title: PROCESSING OF IMAGES IN A DIRECTION OF SUCCESSION

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

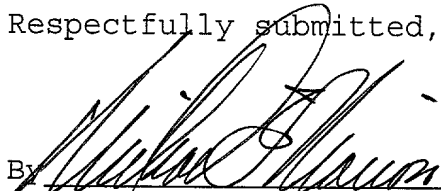
9. (amended) A medical diagnostic workstation that is provided  
with an image processing system as claimed in claim 7.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the claims were made solely to  
avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependent form so as to  
avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicants furthermore reserve their right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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## APPENDIX

9. (amended) A medical diagnostic workstation that is provided with an image processing system as claimed in claim 7, ~~for example,~~ programmed by way of a computer program as claimed in claim 8.

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